



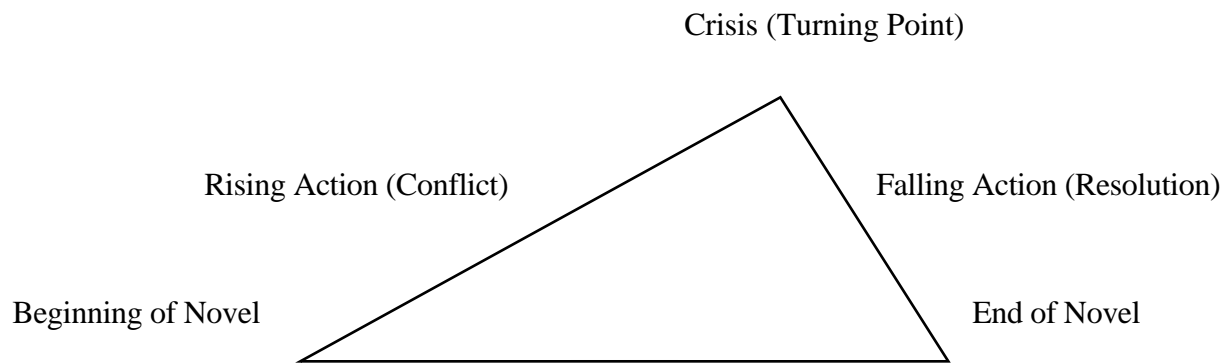
The Giver

by: Lois Lowry

Name _____

Literature - Unit Wrapup

1. **Plot** -The plot of a novel is the sequence of events that occurs during the course of the story to move it to its conclusion. The actions involve a problem or conflict that is introduced and developed in the rising action. The struggle culminates at the point of greatest suspense, the crisis or turning point. The conflict is then resolved in the falling action, which is usually shorter than the rising action. Plot structure is often graphically represented in this way:



Use the chart below to list the major events of the novel in order.

Plot Structure	Major Events
Beginning of Novel	
Rising Action (Conflict)	
Crisis (Turning Point)	
Falling Action (Resolution)	

2. Recall the definition of utopia discussed prior to reading this novel. Having read the novel,

would you call the community a utopia or a dystopia (from dys-, meaning "bad," and utopia)—a malfunctioning utopia in which conditions are inhumane and terrifying? Give an example from the novel to support your opinion.

3. What do you think Lois Lowry meant in the preface to the book when she said that she wrote *The Giver* “for all the children to whom we entrust the future”?

4. Essay (50 wds. at least). Choose one of the following to write about. Use the book to support your thesis!
 - * What is Lowry saying about the care of the aged?
 - * What is Lowry saying about abortion?
 - * What is Lowry saying about crime?
 - * What is Lowry saying about the freedom to choose?
 - * What is Lowry saying about the family?